

Remote Learning

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to provide you with additional information about our curriculum offer during lockdown. Our long-term plans were reviewed in the autumn term to ensure that we would be able to cover the curriculum in the event of bubbles having to self-isolate and school being partially closed. Our provision has been developed to meet the needs of children working in school and at home. Children in school are working to the same timetable as that suggested for children working at home.

Currently, over 40% of our pupils are in school. This means all staff are needed to cover all classes and support children with their learning. We do not have the staffing capacity for teachers to live stream lessons for pupils working at home. To ensure safeguarding protocols are maintained, teachers would need to execute lessons twice, once for children learning in school and once to be streamed into your homes.

We have looked at meeting the needs of all our families in all their varying circumstances. We offer recorded lessons (Oak Academy and White Rose Maths), worksheets, PowerPoints, practical activity suggestions, reading activities (through MyOn), times table and number work (Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots) and many more. We are also delivering worksheets and are providing reading books for children in Reception and Key Stage 1. We use Oak Academy as recommended by the DFE and because the units dovetail into our long-term plan. We use White Rose Maths, as this is the scheme we use in school and is familiar to the children. Purple Mash is great for individual feedback correspondence and for enhancing the learning experience. Staff continue to receive training in it so that they are able to exploit all of its features.

Staff in Nursery and Reception will continue to interact with you using Tapestry. This is working very well and is an established system in school.

We understand that there is a risk that your child does not feel part of the school community when they are learning at home. To help them feel more connected to school, teachers are creating video messages on Purple Mash and Tapestry. Each week your child will be able to see their teacher or hear their voice recorded on a piece of work. If your child is working at home, they will receive regular contact from their class teacher. Our pupils with special educational needs and working from home will also receive contact from Miss Dawson each fortnight to see if there is any more support we can offer. We hope that this will really help to continue to keep pupils and their families engaged with learning.

We are very pleased to see that children are engaging and interacting with their teachers. There has been much enthusiasm for Mrs Scott's blog.

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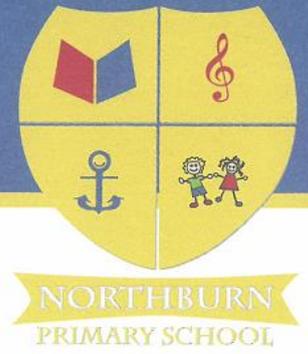
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Alongside a timetable, work and resources will be prepared in advance for the following week. If you have requested paper copies, they will be available for collection on Friday. If you are unable to collect them, we will endeavour to deliver them but this will be dependent on staffing availability. We know how helpful it is to know what is coming the following week so that you can plan at home.

Our school website will continue to show you the lessons to access in each key stage's home learning page and supporting materials will be added to Purple Mash folders, Tapestry or emailed directly to parents. Remote learning does rely heavily on using a device to access and complete work. We understand that this can be so difficult and devices may need to be shared amongst family members. Please contact admin if you need to discuss loaning an extra device to make remote learning possible.

We know that this is a stressful time for many. If you are feeling overwhelmed by school requirements then please get in touch as a matter of priority rather than waiting for us to call you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and managing the extra demands of remote learning.

Many thanks,

Natalie Harrison

Deputy Head

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